

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA ANNUAL WEED & PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING 1
February 16, 2022 – 1 pm
Crossroads Hotel and Huron Event Center, Huron, SD

Vice-Chairman Craig Magedanz called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm, February 16, 2022.

Members Present: Commissioners Dennis Feickert, Duane Buckmeier, Craig Magedanz, Bruce Helbig, Darwin Kurtenbach, Game Fish & Parks representative Paul Coughlin, Association of SD County Commissioners Representative Brenda Hanten; Department of Transportation Representative Thomas Druyvestein; Non-Voting Member - SDSU Representative Paul Johnson; and Commission Secretary and Plant Industry Program Manager Brenda Sievers. (Exhibit #1)

Duane Buckmeier made a motion to approve the agenda (Exhibit #2). Seconded by Paul Coughlin. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Magedanz presented the Committee recommendations for funding the FY2023 Competitive Grants. The Committee met on January 5th in Pierre. The Committee consisted of Vice-Chairman Magedanz, SD Game Fish & Parks Representative Paul Coughlin, then School & Public Lands Commissioner Ryan Brunner, SDSU Representative Paul Johnson and Department of Agriculture Representative Bill Smith.

The Committee recommended not funding the following Competitive Grants:

WP-C23-14 – Butte County - Hoary Cress/Common Mullein/Poison Hemlock Educational Mailing & Chemical Cost Share (\$10,000)
WP-C23-16 – Butte County - Absinth Wormwood, Burdock, Common Tansy, Houndstongue & Leafy Spurge (\$21,000)

The Committee recommended funding the following Competitive Grants at a reduced amount:

WP-C23-1 – Hyde County - Transline Shelterbelt Canada Thistle Control Project – reduced by \$6,000
WP-C23-2 – Hyde County - Milestone Absinth Wormwood Control Project – reduced by \$2,500
WP-C23-3 – Fall River County - Salt Cedar Clean Up - Fall River County -reduced by \$12,500
WP-C23-4 – Fall River County - Hoary Cress Assistance - Fall River County – reduced by \$2,000
WP-C23-13 – Hughes County - Control Wormwood Sage in Residential Areas – reduced by \$1,000

The Committee recommended funding the following Competitive Grants:

WP-C23-1 – Hyde County - \$6,000
WP-C23-2 – Hyde County - \$2,500
WP-C23-3 – Fall River County - \$12,500
WP-C23-4 – Fall River County - \$5,000
WP-C23-5 – Douglas County - \$2,000
WP-C23-6 – Douglas County - \$2,000
WP-C23-7 – SDSU Extension WEED Project - \$47,000
WP-C23-8 – Pennington County - \$6,000
WP-C23-9 – Association of SD County Weed & Pest Boards - \$44,000
WP-C23-10 – Deuel County - \$5,000
WP-C23-11 – Deuel County - \$4,000
WP-C23-12 – Deuel County - \$2,100
WP-C23-13 – Hughes County - \$8,400
WP-C23-15 – Butte County - \$10,000
WP-C23-17 – Meade County - \$6,500
WP-C23-18 – Meade County - \$7,000
WP-C23-19 – Meade County - \$6,700
WP-C23-20 – Meade County - \$5,500

Vice-Chairman Magedanz explained the Committee reasons for those recommended for reduction of funds and those recommended to not receive funding. Committee member Paul Coughlin also spoke about the Committee concerns for funding, mentioning the grant criteria listing new and innovative. Some had the same requests in for several years and it looked like routine.

Several weed supervisors and board members spoke about the concerns with the Committee recommendations.

A public comment period was held with no comments.

Vice-Chairman Magedanz declared the meeting adjourned at 1:34 pm.

Brenda Sievers
Commission Secretary

Lynn Deibert, Commission Chairman
(Approved Minutes)